



100+ STUDENTS ATTEND YELC 2009

The MDAQMD and MEEC sponsored the 4th Annual **Youth Environmental Leadership Conference** on Saturday, March 28 at Victor Valley College. By nature, environment-based education is local. For that very reason and to recognize the High Desert's unique environment and concerns, this year's theme was **"Conservation Counts!"** Volunteers from MEEC, businesses and environmental organizations presented valuable workshops to over 100 students in the areas of air, energy, land, natural resources, healthy habitats and water conservation. The goal of the annual Conference is to empower students with the knowledge of their own ability to affect change in their homes, schools, and communities while encouraging them to become future "green" leaders. The Conference was open to students in grades 3 through 12 throughout the High Desert, including the Antelope Valley.



Keynote Speaker Sophie Angeles (above), an ARB California Climate Champion, motivated over 100 High Desert students to lead the way towards a "greener" future during the 4th Annual Youth Environmental Leadership Conference sponsored by MDAQMD & MEEC.



The Call Is Out for the 14th Annual Pollution Prevention Week Poster Contest

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District is hosting its 14th annual Pollution Prevention Week Poster Contest themed: "Air Care." The contest – which is co-sponsored by the Air & Waste Management Association's Mojave Desert Chapter, the Daily Press, and the Victor Valley Transportation Authority – is held each fall in commemoration of National Pollution Prevention Week.

Students District-wide ages 4 through 18 are encouraged to enter. The creators of twelve winning posters will be selected. First place winners will receive a \$100 Saving Bond, 2nd place will receive a \$75 Saving Bond, and 3rd and 4th place will receive a \$50 Saving Bond. This year, VVTA will donate two brand-new 10 speed bikes for a special bike drawing, which every student who enters the poster contest has a chance to win. Last year, Kole Green from Twentynine Palms was the lucky bike winner.

Winners and their immediate family will be invited to an awards ceremony in September. The winners along with their winning posters will also be featured in the MDAQMD's 2010 poster calendar set for release in December 2009. For more information contact the MDAQMD Community Relations & Education office at 760.245-1661 x 6717.

2009 Calendars featuring the 2008 P2 Pollution Prevention Week Poster Contest Winners are still available! For a free copy contact the MDAQMD Community Relations & Education office at 245-1661 ext. 6717 or stop by the District at 14306 Park Avenue in Victorville – while supplies last!

2008 Poster Contest Winners



Pictured: Bottom row (left to right) Vincent Gilley (4-7, 2nd Place), Kole Green (Bike winner), Benjamin Funk (4-7, 4th Place), Calista Owens (4-7, 3rd Place), Abigail Van Wyk (4-7, 1st Place), Claire McMahon (8-11, 4th Place); middle row (left to right) Diane Amon (8-11, 2nd Place), Jasmine Daffin (8-11, 3rd Place), Dustin Van Wyk (8-11, 1st Place), Isla Sullivan (12-18, 1st Place), Breeana Wagner (12-18, 3rd Place); top row (left to right) Debi Raymond VVTA Representative, Taylor Phares (12-18, 4th Place), Bryndal Van Wyk (12-18, 2nd Place), and Violette Roberts, MDAQMD Community Relations & Education Manager.

AIR QUALITY TEAM LEADER RUDY ENLISTS NEW RECRUITS



MDAQMD mascot Rudy enlisted new recruits to the Air Quality Team during Cameron Elementary School's Annual Science Day event in April.